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FOR: DRYWALL BACKING APPARATUS
AND METHOD OF INSTALLING SAME

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

Please enter the following Preliminary Amendment.

AMENDMENT TO THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 1-41.

42. (New) An apparatus for providing backing for U-shaped studs in a wall,
said backing apparatus comprising:

a first backing member having a first end, a second end, a top, a bottom, a first
side and a second side; wherein, the second end of the first backing member is
longitudinally spaced from the first end of a second backing member;

the second backing member having a first end, a second end, a top, a bottom, a
first side and a second side; wherein, the second end of the first backing member is
longitudinally spaced from the first end of the second backing member;